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1. Total exports from Indonesia in February 1950 are estimated at only f 60,000,000 as compared with f 130,000,000 in December 1949. This heavy loss is attributed to unhindered and systematic smuggling activities in Sumatra, Bangka, Billiton and East Indonesia.
2. Priangan rubber and tea estates are almost deserted as a result of terrorization by Darul Islam and Westerling factions. In Tasikmalaya alone over 1,000 tons of paddy bound for local consumption were completely destroyed during Tentara Islam Indonesia activities the week of 13-20 February 1950.
3. In addition to the Wang Republik Indonesia, the following currencies are circulating in Indonesia:
 - a) Bantam Wang Republik Indonesia Bantam (WRIB)
 - b) Southern Sumatra Wang Republik Indonesia Sumatra Selatan
Issued by Dr. Adnar Kapau Gani, who resigned as Military Governor of Southern Sumatra the latter part of February.
 - c) Central Sumatra Wang Darurat (Emergency Notes)
Issued by the Emergency Government of the Republic of Indonesia in Sumatra under Sjafruddin, during the second police action.
 - d) Northern Sumatra Wang Republik Indonesia Atjeh

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e) Nias Island

Wang Republik Indonesia Nias
(WRIN)

According to Yuman Nasution, a member of Parliament of the Republik Indonesia Serikat, this has only local value for Tapanuli, Central Sumatra.

4. It is roughly estimated that there are also in circulation f 3,640,000,000 in Java Bank and NICA notes, including Treasury Bonds of f 25 (sic) and f 10 (sic) and Rupiah 4,250,000,000 of various denominations as against f 1,300,000,000 in 1941. The Java Bank, on the other hand, in its weekly statement ending 22 February 1950, reports that during the week under consideration NICA notes amounting to f 1,026,343,995.50 and Java bank notes amounting to f 968,213,195.00 were in circulation.
5. Neither the Republican Government at Jogjakarta nor the various semi-independent territorial governments have been in a position to issue statements as to the amount of notes they have in circulation.

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